

Under his guidance, the Supreme Court from 1801 to 1835 expanded the definition of commerce, solidified the Supreme Court's dominance over the State court system, and defended the Federal Government's implied power.

These contributions and many others came after the first, and arguably most important, opinion he penned—judicial review. Shortly after his ascension to the bench, Chief Justice John Marshall affirmed the ability of the Supreme Court as the only body to decide the constitutionality of Federal or State law under the United States Constitution.

It is fitting that Marshall's birthday occurs at the same time as the United States Senate considers John Roberts' nomination to be Chief Justice of the Supreme Court. Like Marshall, Roberts would become chief justice at a relatively young age.

It is reported that Roberts would touch the statue of former Chief Justice Marshall that sits at the Supreme Court for luck before each case he argued. It is clear that John Marshall established an enduring legacy.

EXPRESSING DISAPPOINTMENT  
ABOUT THE VOTE ON CONYERS  
AMENDMENT TO CHILDREN'S  
SAFETY ACT

**HON. VIRGINIA FOXX**

OF NORTH CAROLINA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

*Thursday, September 22, 2005*

Ms. FOXX. Mr. Speaker, I want to express my disappointment about a vote that was taken in this House last week.

The House took up very important, long overdue legislation to protect America's children and keep despicable predators off our streets.

However, an abominable amendment was offered by a Democrat that had no business being a part of the Children's Safety Act.

The noble and monumental Children's Safety Act was tainted by the Conyers amendment that seeks to punish people for their thoughts, specifically if they believe homosexuality is wrong.

While considering a great Republican bill that will crack down on pedophiles, rapists and murderers, the self-motivated Democrats instead took the opportunity to further their out of touch agenda.

I voted against the Conyers amendment and I am truly saddened that it passed.

The Children's Safety Act is so important and will do so much good in our country that I still voted for final passage despite the inclusion of this awful, unrelated amendment.

The opportunity to vote to protect American children from monstrous criminals could not be declined simply because there was a blemish on otherwise outstanding legislation.

RECOGNIZING RYAN E. JONES FOR  
ACHIEVING THE RANK OF EAGLE  
SCOUT

**HON. SAM GRAVES**

OF MISSOURI

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

*Thursday, September 22, 2005*

Mr. GRAVES. Mr. Speaker, I proudly pause to recognize Ryan E. Jones, son of Chris and

Colleen Jones, of Saint Joseph, Missouri. Ryan is a very special young man who has exemplified the finest qualities of citizenship and leadership by taking an active part in the Boy Scouts of America, Troop 31, and by earning the most prestigious award of Eagle Scout. Ryan will receive his Eagle Award on October 2, 2005 at Saint Francis Xavier Parish Center.

Ryan has been very active with his troop, participating in many Scout activities. Over the years Ryan has been involved with Scouting, he has earned numerous merit badges, honors, and leadership positions including Patrol Leader and Troop Guide. Ryan is a member of the Tribe of Mic-O-Say, and spent almost every summer at Philmont Boy Scout Ranch.

For his Eagle Scout project, Ryan cleaned up brush and mowed at Happy Hallow Cemetery.

Mr. Speaker, I proudly ask you to join me in commending Ryan E. Jones for his accomplishments with the Boy Scouts of America and for his efforts put forth in achieving the highest distinction of Eagle Scout.

IN CELEBRATION OF THE 50TH AN-  
NIVERSARY OF MCGUCKIN'S  
HARDWARE

**HON. MARK UDALL**

OF COLORADO

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

*Thursday, September 22, 2005*

Mr. UDALL of Colorado. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to acknowledge the 50th Anniversary of McGuckin's Hardware Store in Boulder, Colorado. McGuckin's is a landmark in Boulder and has long had a very special reputation for stocking hard-to-find items.

McGuckin's was opened in 1955 by Bill McGuckin, a rugged outdoorsman and avid fisherman. The store originally consisted of only four employees and four departments with a business ethic based on Bill McGuckin's belief in personalized service, selection, and first-hand experience. In 1960, Dave Hight joined his father-in-law, Bill, as a partner, and together they committed themselves to fostering McGuckin's well-deserved reputation as "the Greatest Hardware Store in the World."

After Mr. McGuckin's passing in 1966, Mr. Hight continued the excellent service and selection offered to customers. His company continued to grow over the next 50 years, and today, this independently-owned business has prospered to employ 315 individuals in all its operations. In addition to its 60,000+ square foot sales floor with over 200,000 items for sale, there is a Design Center and a Distribution Center nearby to meet every customer's need. You name it, they have it. When there's a problem with something they sell, they fix it. In the unlikely event they don't have that particular something for which you were looking, their knowledgeable, experienced staff knows where to order it and does so with a friendly manner and without a fuss.

Not surprisingly, McGuckin's has developed a loyal and devoted clientele. Boulder's Daily Camera readers have voted it "Best Hardware Store," "Best Locally-Owned Store" and "Best Customer Service." "Best Customer Service" is an understatement; McGuckin's employees are beyond comparison. They wear green and

are found in almost every aisle. You can still find Dave Hight in the middle aisle. They give plain, old-fashioned, perfect service with no hovering or hard-sell. No matter which department they work in, they all know where everything in the store is located.

McGuckin's quality service doesn't stop with humans either; this store welcomes pets on-leash too. As dog-lovers on my staff will tell you, most of Boulder's best-behaved dogs and puppies began refining their social skills by shopping in McGuckin's pet supply department. Employees dressed in green will greet customers and their pets and will often ask permission to give the dog a treat. While I have never tried one, I am reliably informed by pet owners that if you give permission, the most "delectable tidbits" come out of those green smock pockets. McGuckin's is, therefore, not only a big hit with people working on their week-end home improvement projects, it is also popular with Boulder's canine population.

Mr. Speaker, I ask my colleagues to join me in acknowledging David Hight and his employees for their commitment to uniquely serving their customers. If you're ever visiting Boulder, I hope you'll have the chance to go to McGuckin's. You won't be sorry and you won't find any store like it in this day and age. I congratulate David Hight and all the employees and their families on this 50th Anniversary and wish them good health and happiness in McGuckin's future.

IN RECOGNITION OF BILL AND  
MARGURITE ADDISON

**HON. C.A. DUTCH RUPPERSBERGER**

OF MARYLAND

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

*Thursday, September 22, 2005*

Mr. RUPPERSBERGER. Mr. Speaker, William and Margurite Addison are a wonderful couple who have provided a permanent home for five children who were part of the State foster care system. Although the Addisons had thought their childrearing years were finished when their own biological children had become young adults (Ms. Addison has four biological children, ranging in age from 34 to 41, and Mr. Addison has two birth children, ages 29 and 35), they opened their home to one of Mr. Addison's nephews, Ralph, (now age 17) in 1992. The Addisons became approved foster parents for Ralph in 1994 and subsequently decided to open their home to non-relative foster children when they realized how many children were in desperate need of out-of-home care.

In 1998, the Addisons were approved as an adoptive resource for Ralph and their adoption was subsequently finalized that year. However, that was only the first of what ultimately became five adoptions. In 1999, Malik (now age 9) was adopted, Kevin (now age 3), was adopted in 2000, Warren (now age 6) was adopted in 2003, and Bryleigh (now age 3) was adopted in 2004. Except for Ralph, each of these children had come to the Addison home via the foster care system as drug-exposed infants (none of them are related). In addition, Warren suffers from sickle-cell anemia, as well as emotional/behavioral difficulties. Ralph has received special education services in school and it is likely Warren will also need a special school setting.